(e) Total number of new telephone lines sanctioned in Gujarat including. Ahmedablad Telephones tcom 1. 4. 84 to 31. 12. 86 is 58459.

Statement

Sl.No.	Name of the Unit	Number of Telephone Sanctioned during		
		1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
1.	Gujarat Telecom Circle (Including Baroda, Rajkot & Surat Districts)	7884	7099	11026
2.	Ahmedabad Telephone District	8188	8894	10016

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359. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: SHRl LAL K. ADVANI;

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) when were the fares of DTC last hiked and by how much;

(b) whether at that time it had been promised that 400 new buses would be added to the existing fleet of 4956 buses, if so. how many buses have been added till date; and

(c) what action has bee$_n$ taken ta remove the various grievances of the commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The DTC fares were revised W. e. f. 8-2-1986. The comparative break up of fares upt$_0$ 7-2-86 and w. e. f. 8-2-86 is given hereunder: —

Distance Kms.	Fares (in paise) upto	Distance Kms.	Fares (in paise) w.e.f. 8-2-86
Upto 4	30	Upto 6	50
Upto 16	40	Upto 16	100
Upto 20	50	16 +	150
20+	75		

(b) The DTC added £02 buses to its own fleet during 1986-87. Order has been placed fo$_r$ 308 chassis and order for another 100 chassis is beingplaced. Deliveries of completed husesagainst its proposed purchase of 408buses will materialise during the nextfinancial year.

(c) Besides the Central Complaint Cell which functions round the clock at DTC headquarters, Regional Complaint Cells in all the 4 regions have also been set up. Public complaints are also received on telephone. The DTC have issued standing instruction^ to attend to all public complaints/ grievances promptly.